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 PROPIONIC ACID AND IODINE COMPOUNDS

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir, **AMENDMENT:**

In response to the telephone discussion between the Patent Examiner, Mr. Alton N. Pryor, and Willie Krawitz for the Applicant on January 8, 2004, numerous revisions were made in the claims. These revisions are shown in a copy of the claim revisions and a clean copy of the claims, attached hereto, and the many helpful suggestions by the Patent Examiner are greatly appreciated.

Cancel claims 1 - 3, 5, 16, 17, 19, 20, 27, 33, and 36 - 40. It will be noted that claim 40 had been inadvertently included in the clean copy of the claims previously submitted, and has now been cancelled. Claim 41 which is essentially a duplicate of cancelled claim 40, still remains in the case. Claim 42 has now been added as a composition claim dependent on claim 4, and is believed patentable.

Claims 4, 6 - 15, 18, 21 - 26, 28 - 32, 34 - 35, and, 41 - 42 are in the case. It is believed these claims are now in allowable form.

Respectfully submitted,

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